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## Navajo Nation supports bill to address Climate Change and America's Red Rock Wilderness Act

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PHOTO: Naatsis'áán (Navajo Mountain) near the the Arizona-Utah border.

**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** — Council Delegate Herman Daniels, Jr. (Ts'ah Bii' Kin, Navajo Mountain, Shonto, Oljato) of the 24th Navajo Nation Council sponsored Resolution No. CS-52-21T supporting America's Red Rock Wilderness Act to address the growing climate crisis around the world. It was unanimously passed by a vote of 21 delegates.

The resolution supports Congressional wilderness designation for lands within America's Red Rock Wilderness Act (H.R. 57/S. 3056) and would protect more than 8.4 million acres of federal public lands in Utah.

“Protecting our land is important to the Navajo people and we support this wilderness designation in America's Red Rock Wilderness Act,” said Speaker Seth Damon (Bááhaalí, Chichiltah, Manuelito, Red Rock, Rock Springs, Tséyatoh). “President Biden outlined a robust policy change across the federal government to address climate change. It is imperative that the Navajo Nation work on a global level to address this growing problem that affects our oceans, air, and water.”

Over the last year, resolutions of support were passed by the Red Mesa, Tec Nos Pos, Oljato, Dennehotso, Beclabito, Mexican Water, and Navajo Mountain Chapters in Utah.

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“Our support for this Congressional bill sends a message that the Navajo Nation is concerned about climate change and the impact on our environment,” said Delegate Herman Daniels, Jr. “Since time immemorial, we have lived in the canyons, mountains, and on the mesas currently managed by the federal government that would be protected and preserved by this Congressional bill. For generations, our Indigenous people across the United States have been the original caretakers of our sacred lands and it will remain so.”

Historic remnants of Navajo hogans, sweat lodges, sheep herding camps and farming homesteads are found throughout the lands included in America’s Red Rock Wilderness Act.

Senate Majority Whip Dick Durbin of Illinois introduced the act in December 2019. Signing onto the legislation as cosponsors are Senators Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Cory Booker (D-NJ), Patrick Leahy (D-VT), Patty Murray (D-WA), Jeff Merkley (D-OR), and Robert Menendez (D-NJ).

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